

### REMARKS

Claims 1-3 remain in this application. In the presently outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3 were objected to for including reference characters which are not enclosed within parentheses. By this amendment, all reference characters have been deleted from the claims.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the examiner stated it is unclear whether the felt comprises both aromatic polyamide fibers or high-density polyethylene fibers and a shock absorbing member and a scrim or whether the felt comprises fibers and a scrim.

In accordance with page 12, lines 15-18 of the specification, the felt comprises a shock absorbing member made of thin aromatic polyamide fibers or high density polyethylene fibers, and a scrim. The specification has been amended to reflect that reference numeral -52- refers to the scrim and not to the fibers, as shown in Fig. 5.

The examiner also stated that it is unclear what the shock absorbing member is comprised of.

As shown in Fig. 5, the shock absorbing member comprises a fabric layer made up of thin aromatic polyamide fibers or high

density polyethylene fibers, and a scrim. In accordance with the present amendment to the specification, the reference numeral - 52- refers to the scrim and not to the fibers.

It is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

Respectfully submitted,

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